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MEMORANDUM BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

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Concerning

EXPORT OF TRICHLOROTRIFLUOROETHANE TO THE USSR

1. The United States authorities have been requested to approve the export to the Ministry of Health, USSR, of 20 pounds of trichlorotrifluoroethane (AE-17) valued at \$50.
2. Trichlorotrifluoroethane, also known as Genetron 113, has important strategic uses, of course, but it is also very useful in biological research, as the United States has itself found. It is the most efficient agent for the quick freezing of cells in tissue culture techniques. Information received from representatives of the United States firm requesting the export authorization, who have visited Soviet medical installations, tends to confirm that the trichlorotrifluoroethane will be used for cancer research. The small quantity involved is appropriate to such use and makes the proposed export of minimal strategic importance.
3. The United States delegation submits this request on an ad hoc basis, and hopes for early views from the other delegations.

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